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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT RELEASED BY TANZANIA NEWS AGENCY (SHIHATA)
OF SPEECH BY PRESIDENT NYERERE MARCH 23 AT BANQUET IN HONOR OF USSR
PRESIDENT PODGORNY.

REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, AS WELL AS ON BEHALF OF CHAMA CHA MAPINDUZI.

PRESIDENT PODGORNYY COMES TO US AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF OVER 250 MILLION PEOPLE, AND AS THE HEAD OF STATE IN A COUNTRY ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE WHOLE OF AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA. FURTHER, THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE TWO SUPER-POWERS OF THE MODERN WORLD; IT IS ALSO THE COUNTRY WHOSE 'OCTOBER REVOLUTION' GAVE NEW HOPE TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AS LONG AGO AS 1917.

PRESIDENT PODGORNYY: I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING YOUR COUNTRY, AND MEETING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN 1969. I THEN SAW FOR MYSELF SOME OF THE HISTORIC SITES OF THE REVOLUTION, AS WELL AS MUCH EVIDENCE OF THE GREAT EXPLOITATION AND TYRANNY FROM WHICH YOUR PEOPLE HAD SUFFERED UNDER THE TSARS. I WAS THEN ABLE TO SEE ALSO THE CHANGES WHICH THE REVOLUTION HAS BROUGHT. I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRIUMPHS RECORDED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.S.R. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, DESPITE THE TREMENDOUS ODDS WHICH HAVE HAD TO BE OVERCOME. FOR THE YOUNG COMMUNIST STATE HAD, FOR YEARS, TO FIGHT FOR ITS VERY EXISTENCE AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ASSISTED BY FOREIGN INTERVENTION. AND NOT TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR WAS OVER, THE SOVIET UNION WAS AGAIN ATTACKED - THIS TIME BY THE POWERFUL AND RACIST NAZI STATE. NO COUNTRY, HOWEVER LARGE AND POWERFUL, COULD SUFFER THE LOSS OF ABOUT 20 MILLION OF ITS PEOPLE, AND THE ALMOST COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ITS OLDEST INDUSTRIAL CENTRES, AND REMAIN UNAFFECTED IN VERY FUNDAMENTAL WAYS.

I LEFT YOUR COUNTRY QUITE CONVINCED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION HAVE A STRONG DESIRE FOR PEACE, AND A DETERMINATION NEVER TO ACCEPT ANY OUTSIDE DOMINATION OF THE NATION FOR WHOM FREEDOM THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID SUCH A DREADFUL PRICE TWICE OVER. BUT THEIR SUFFERINGS HAVE NOT PREVENTED THE PEOPLE OF U.S.S.R.

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FROM MAKING THEIR COUNTRY INTO ONE OF THE ADVANCED NATIONS OF THE WORLD, INDUSTRIALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY.

WE IN THIS SMALL AND COMPARATIVELY YOUNG COUNTRY ARE HONOURED THAT THE HEAD OF STATE OF SUCH A GREAT NATION SHOULD FIND TIME TO VISIT TANZANIA. LET ME ADD THAT WE ARE SOMEWHAT AMUSED AT THE GREAT WORLD ATTENTION WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING PAID TO TANZANIA BECAUSE OF YOUR VISIT HERE, MR. PRESIDENT. WE RECOGNISE THIS INTEREST AS A TRIBUTE TO YOU PERSONALLY, AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOVIET UNION. TANZANIA HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF RECEIVING THE LEADERS OR HEADS OF STATE OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES; BUT THE WESTERN NEWS MEDIA APPEAR TO HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO COME FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THEY LOVE YOU MORE* OR, MORE LIKELY, THEY BELIEVE THAT AFRICA IS TO WESTERN EUROPE WHAT LATIN AMERICA IS TO THE U.S. A. A VISITOR FROM THE SOCIALIST BLOC IS LOOKED UPON AS AN INTRUDER.

BUT WE IN TANZANIA ARE NOT APOLITIC ABOUT OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, OR OF THAT WITH OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, ANY MORE THAN WE ARE APOLITIC ABOUT OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN BLOC. ON THE CONTRARY, WE TAKE

PLEASURE IN OUR FRIENDSHIPS, AND ARE PROUS OF THEM. FOR TANZANIA IS A FERVENTLY NON-ALIGNED NATION; OUR PEOPLE WANT FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHICH ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN EQUALITY, AND WHICH ARE WILLING TO RESPECT OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL EQUALITY.

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ON THESE PRINCIPLES WE MAKE NO COMPROMISES. FOR THE FREEDOM OF TANZANIA IS PART OF THE FREEDOM OF AFRICA. WE HAVE A DUTY TO AFRICA TO SAFEGUARD THAT FREEDOM. AND WE, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE OF THIS CONTINENT, ARE DETERMINED THAT AFRICA SHALL BE FREE COMPLETELY FREE FROM ALL EXTERNAL CONTROL. WE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL COLONIALISM, RACIALISM, AND NEOCOLONIALISM, ARE ERADICATED IN THIS CONTINENT.
THAT STRUGGLE STILL CONTINUES; IT WILL BE PURSUED BY WHATEVER

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MEANS ARE NECESSARY. THUS WE WOULD BE HAPPY IF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA COULD BE LIBERATED WITHOUT FURTHER BLOODSHED BY THE PEOPLES OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AND IN THE PAST WE HAVE SUPPORTED ALL MOVES TO THAT END. BUT WHILE PROGRESS TO FREEDOM IS NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH POLITICAL MEANS, THEN THIS COUNTRY HAS SUPPORTED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

ITS A MATTER OF GREAT PLEASURE TO US, AND ONE WHICH STRENGTHENS OUR FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE SOVIEU UNION, THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WHOM YOU REPRESENT, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE MADE - AND ARE STILL MAKING - SUCH A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN FREEDOM STRUGGLES. FOR ALTHOUGH THE PEOPLE OF THIS CONTINENT ARE NOT ASKING ANYONE TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM ON THEIR BEHALF, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CANNOT USE BOWS AND ARROWS AGAINST THE MODERN ARMIES OF THEIR OPPRESSORS. WE IN TANZANIA THEREFORE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE HELP WHICH THE SOVIET UNION GIVES TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. FOR THEIR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT; OUR FREEDOM WAS EXTENDED WHEN THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE WON THEIR FREEDOM AFTER MORE THAN TEN YEARS OF ARMED STRUGGLE, AND IT WILL BE FURTHER EXTENDED WHEN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA - AND LATER SOUTH AFRICA - ARE FREE. BY HELPING THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THE SOVIET UNION IS THUS HELPING TANZANIA.

BUT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FORMAL INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIALISM, AND THE DEFEAT OF RACIALIST DOMINATION, IS NOT THE END OF THE STRUGGLE. OUR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE IS MADE INTO A SHAM BY NEO-COLONIALISM AND BY OUR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE. AND FOR THIS STRUGGLE TO CONVERT FORMAL INDEPENDENCE INTO TRUE INDEPENDENCE, AFRICA AGAIN NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

FUNDAMENTAL TO THIS STRUGGLE IS THE CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, WHICH WILL END THE AUTOMATIC EXPLOITATION OF THE THIRD WORLD THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF TRADE BETWEEN THE POOR NATIONS AND THE RICH NATIONS. THE SMALL COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE, AND ESPECIALLY THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN. THESE SAME SMALL COUNTRIES ALSO SHOW BY THEIR ACTIONS THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE AFRICA'S NEED FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, ON THE BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP

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AND EQUALITY, DURING THE POST-INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE FOR TOTAL LIBERATION. I AM NOT SURE THAT ALL THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FULLY UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE EITHER OF THESE THINGS.

TANZANIA HAS RECEIVED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 80 SOVIET EXPERTS WORKING WITH US IN THIS COUNTRY, AND HELPING US TO PLAN OR IMPLEMENT VARIOUS

SCHEMES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE GROWTH FO OUR ECONOMY. FURTHER, SOME 500 TANZANIANS HAVE BEEN, OR ARE BEING, TRAINED IN THE UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES OF THE U.S.S.R. WE HAVE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE THIS. FOR WE HAVE GENERALLY FOUND THAT THE PEOPLE EDUCATED IN THE SOVIET UNION DO NOT RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY EXPECTING TO BE TEATED AS IF THEY WERE A PRIVILEGED CASTE; THEY COME BACK READY TO WORK WHEREVER THEY ARE NEEDED, AND AT WHATEVER RATE OF PAY THE COUNTRY CAN AFFORD. THIS IS IMPORTANT. FOR ALTHOUGH WE ARE DOING AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO EXPAND THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN TANZANIA, THERE ARE STILL SOME SPECIALISED STUDIES FOR WHICH FACILITIES ARE INADE- QUATE OR DO NOT EXIST HERE. AND OUR NEED FOR HIGHLY SKILLED PEOPLE, WHO HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE SELFLESSLY IS VERY GREAT.

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MR. PRESIDENT: WE APPRECIATE THIS HELP FROM THE SOVIET UNION.
BUT TANZANIA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES DOES NOT
DEPEND UPON THE AID THEY GIVE TO THIS COUNTRY. IT DEPENDS
SOLELY ON THE DEGREE OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN US.

FOR WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A VERY DIFFICULT TASK; BUT THE TASK
IS OURS, AND OURS ONLY. WE ARE WORKING OUT FOR OURSELVES, AND
TRYING TO FOLLOW, THE APPROPRIATE ROUTE TO SOCIALISM AS WE
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UNDERSTAND IT AND AS WE HAVE DEFINED IT IN THE ARUSHA DECLARA-
TION. WE EMBARKED ON THIS JOURNEY TEN YEARS AGO, AND ALTHOUGH
WE HAVE SOMETIMES STUMBLERD ALONG THE ROAD, WE HAVE MADE SOME
PROGRESS. WE ARE NOW CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL ULTIMATELY REACH
OUR GOAL, AND THAT AS WE PROGRESS FURTHER OUR PEOPLE: WILL
INCREASINGLY FEEL THE BENEFIT OF THE SOCIALIST MEASURES WE ARE
ABLE TO IMPLEMENT. INDEED, WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO FEEL
SUCH BENEFITS. BUT THE PROBLEMS ARE IMMENSE. IT IS AN ENCOURA-
GEMENT TO US THAT ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD THERE ARE NATIONS AND
PEOPLES WHO WATCH OUR PROGRESS WITH SYMPATHY AND ARE WILLING
TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND WHEN THIS IS NECESSARY. WE ARE HAPPY
THAT THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE NUMBERED AMONG THESE FRIENDS.

MR. PRESIDENT: YOU ARE VERY WELCOME IN TANZANIA AND WE
HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ENJOY YOUR SHORT STAY WITH US.
FOR WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THAT STILL
GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
WHICH IS THE DESIRE OF THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

YOUR EXCELLENCIES: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I ASK YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST:

TO PRESIDENT PODGORNYY AND OUR OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

TO STILL CLOSER FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND TANZANIA.

TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM COLONIALISM AND
RACIALISM.

TO WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE. END TEXT.

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